GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:338
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2006
QUALITY OF SSI PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a):Whether the small scale industries in India are not able to compete with foreign products in terms of quality and cost of production;

(b):If so, the steps taken to help the Small Scale Industries to improve the quality and reduce the cost of production to competewith foreign products; and

(c):The names of the sectors where the facilities in this behalf are extended to?

ANSWER (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES

(a)to(c): A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 338 TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.03.2006.

(a): No, Sir. On the contrary, the exports of products manufactured by the small scale industries (SSI) have increased from Rs. 71,244 crore during 2001-02 to Rs. 97,644 crore during 2003-04 and continue to account for nearly 33 per cent of the total exports from India.

(b)&(c): However, with a view to enhancing the competitiveness of the SSI in the global market, the Central Government implements several schemes/programmes which, among others, include, the scheme of reimbursement of the cost up to Rs. 75,000 of acquiring ISO 9000/14001 certification, Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme

(CLCSS) for technology upgradation, financial assistance for obtaining registration of bar coding of their products, training on packaging for exports, market development assistance to enable participation in the domestic and international fairs and exhibitions, Regional Testing Centers and Field Testing Stations to test the quality of SSI products, National Quality Awards to encourage quality standards in SSI, etc.